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WASHOUT DAMAGE DELAYS OPENING OF JEFFERSON NOTCH ROAD
9-MILE DIRT ROAD BETWEEN THE COG RAILWAY BASE ROAD AND NH 115

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces washout damage will delay the opening of Jefferson Notch Road, a nine-mile seasonal dirt road that runs from the Cog Railway Base Road to NH Route 115 in Jefferson.

Jefferson Notch Road is not maintained during the winter months. NHDOT crews discovered the washout damage this week. Nearly a mile of the dirt road was apparently washed out when a culvert was plugged by timber debris deposited by the spring thaw and heavy rains. The washout extends across the width of the road and in some places is up to four feet deep.

Due to still present frost and muddy conditions, Jefferson Notch Road is not expected to be repaired and opened before Memorial Day Weekend. Barriers will be in place at both ends of the roadway while it remains closed. Repair work is scheduled to begin the week of May 23. An estimated 5,000 yards of fill will be needed to be trucked in to repair the road damage, which is expected to take about a week and a half to complete once it gets underway.

Snowmobile riders use Jefferson Notch Road as a trail during the winter months. When opened to traffic, it is a road mostly used by hikers and campers.